Listing of Claims:

1 – 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended)   In an electronic gaming machine having (1) game software stored in a non-EPROM storage media in the form of V-PROMs, and (2) an EPROM emulator, a method for verifying the stored game software using an external EPROM reader, the method comprising:

      providing ~~to the user for viewing~~ on a ~~game software selection screen, including providing the user with~~ browsing access screen [[to]] a plurality of V-PROMs resident on the storage media of the gaming machine;

      selecting ~~by the user~~ a V-PROM; ~~and~~

      ~~presenting an image of~~ downloading the selected V-PROM to an EPROM emulator;

      connecting an external EPROM reader to the EPROM emulator; and

      verifying ~~the image of~~ the selected ~~E-PROM by~~ V-PROM at the external EPROM reader.

11. (Currently Amended)   [[A]] The method according to claim 10 and further including:

      generating a presentation screen ~~to a user~~ showing a user log; and

      ~~registering the~~ receiving a user registration prior to ~~said step of~~ providing ~~the user~~ a selection screen.

12. (Currently Amended)   A method for verifying software of a gaming machine contained in a plurality of memory types other than EPROMs using an external EPROM reading and verification device, the method comprising:

      abstracting the software of the memory type into a plurality of virtual EPROM (V-EPROM) sets;

listing the V-EPROM sets in a registry library;

displaying the registry to <u>receive</u> a ~~user for~~ selection of <u>at least one of the V-EPROM sets</u> ~~a set~~;

~~the user selecting~~ <u>receiving the selection of</u> at least one set; <u>and</u>

providing the selected <u>at least one</u> set to the <u>external</u> EPROM verification device for verifying the selected <u>at least one</u> set.

13. (Currently Amended)   A method for verifying software for a gaming machine resident on memory devices other than EPROMs using <u>external</u> EPROM verification comprising:

abstracting the software of the memory type into a plurality <u>of</u> virtual EPROM (V-EPROM) data sets;

listing the V-EPROM data sets in a registry library;

displaying the registry to <u>receive</u> a ~~user for~~ selection of <u>at least one of the V-EPROM sets</u> ~~a set~~;

~~the user selecting~~ <u>receiving the selection of</u> at least one set; <u>and</u>

using <u>the external</u> EPROM verification verifying the selected set.

14. (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 13 comprising restricting [[user]] access to one of the display of the library or selection of a set to an authorized user.

15. (Withdrawn)   A method for facilitating data verification, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining at least one piece of information about at least one portion of data;

presenting the at least one piece of information to a person for viewing;

determining whether the person wants to verify the at least one portion of the data; and

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subsequent to determining that the person wants to verify the at least one portion of the data: obtaining a copy of the at least one portion of data; and providing a data verification device with access to the copy of the at least one portion of data, thereby facilitating data verification.

16. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of obtaining the copy of the at least one portion of data comprises the steps of:

retrieving the copy of the at least one portion of data from a data storage device via a computer network; and

subsequent to retrieving the copy of the at least one portion of data from the data storage device, storing the copy of the at least one portion of data in a memory device.

17. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the step of providing the data verification device with access to the copy of the at least one portion of data comprises the step of enabling the data verification device to read the copy of the at least one portion of data from the memory device.

18. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein the data storage device comprises a non-volatile hard disk that comprises the at least one portion of data, and wherein the memory device comprises a volatile random access memory.

19. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of obtaining the copy of the at least one portion of data comprises the step of processing the at least one piece of information in order to determine a location from which the copy of the at least one portion of data can be obtained.

20. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising the steps of:

prompting the person to provide login information;

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processing the login information to determine whether the person is an authorized person; and

if and only if it is determined that the person is the authorized person, performing the said steps of:

obtaining the at least one piece of information;

presenting the at least one piece of information;

determining whether the person wants to verify the at least one portion of data;

obtaining the copy of the at least one portion of data; and

providing the data verification device with access.

21. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 20, further comprising the step of adding an entry to a log file, wherein the entry represents a result of the step of processing the login information.

22. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the step of prompting the person comprises the step of displaying a prompt on a visual display device of a gaming machine, wherein the prompt comprises a request for a username and a request for a password.

23. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of obtaining the at least one piece of information comprises the step of retrieving the at least one piece of information from a secure non-volatile read only memory.

24. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the step of presenting the at least one piece of information comprises the step of displaying the at least one piece of information on a visual display device of a gaming machine.

25. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the at least one piece of information comprises:

     a file name of the at least one portion of data;

     a version number of the at least one portion of data; and

     a date and a time of creation of the at least one portion of data.

26. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 15, wherein the at least one portion of data comprises software embodying a game of chance.

27. (Withdrawn)   The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the at least one portion of data is arranged in a format that that the data verification device is capable of processing, wherein the format is different to a format of the non-volatile hard disk.

28. (Withdrawn)   A system for facilitating data verification, the system comprising an electronic processing module and a memory device comprising software, the electronic processing module and the memory device being arranged such that the electronic processing module can process the software, wherein processing of the software causes the electronic processing module to perform the following steps:

     obtaining at least one piece of information about at least one portion of data;

     presenting the at least one piece of information to a person for viewing;

     determining whether the person wants to verify the at least one portion of the data; and

     subsequent to determining that the person wants to verify the at least one portion of the data: obtaining a copy of the at least one portion of data; and providing a data verification device with access to the copy of the at least one portion of data, thereby facilitating data verification.

29. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the step of obtaining the copy of the at least one portion of data comprises the steps of:

retrieving the copy of the at least one portion of data from a data storage device via a computer network; and

subsequent to retrieving the copy of the at least one portion of data from the data storage device, storing the copy of the at least one portion of data in a memory device.

30. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 29, wherein the step of providing the data verification device with access to the copy of the at least one portion of data comprises the step of enabling the data verification device to read the copy of the at least one portion of data from the memory device.

31. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 29, wherein the data storage device comprises a non-volatile hard disk that comprises the at least one portion of data, and wherein the memory device comprises a volatile random access memory.

32. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the step of obtaining the copy of the at least one portion of data comprises the step of processing the at least one piece of information in order to determine a location from which the copy of the at least one portion of data can be obtained.

33. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 28, further comprising the steps of:

prompting the person to provide login information;

processing the login information to determine whether the person is an authorized person; and

if and only if it is determined that the person is the authorized person, performing the said steps of:

obtaining the at least one piece of information;

presenting the at least one piece of information;

determining whether the person wants to verify the at least one portion of data;

obtaining the copy of the at least one portion of data; and

providing the data verification device with access.

34. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 33, further comprising the step of adding an entry to a log file, wherein the entry represents a result of the step of processing the login information.

35. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 33, wherein the step of prompting the person comprises the step of displaying a prompt on a visual display device of a gaming machine, wherein the prompt comprises a request for a username and a request for a password.

36. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the step of obtaining the at least one piece of information comprises the step of retrieving the at least one piece of information from a secure non-volatile read only memory.

37. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the step of presenting the at least one piece of information comprises the step of displaying the at least one piece of information on a visual display device of a gaming machine.

38. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the at least one piece of information comprises:

a file name of the at least one portion of data;

a version number of the at least one portion of data; and

a date and a time of creation of the at least one portion of data.

39. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 28, wherein the at least one portion of data comprises software embodying a game of chance.

40. (Withdrawn)   The system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the at least one portion of data is arranged in a format that that the data verification device is capable of processing, wherein the format is different to a format of the non-volatile hard disk.

41. (New)   The method of claim 10, wherein downloading the selected V-PROM comprises downloading information of the selected V-PROM to the EPROM emulator.

42. (New)   The method of claim 41, wherein the information of the selected V-PROM comprises a V-PROM name, a description of a stored game software and data, a version number of the stored game software and data, statistical and marketing information of the stored game software and data.

43. (New)   The method of claim 12, wherein the registry comprises a location and media type of the software and data, and a name of the software.

44. (New)   The method of claim 13, wherein the registry comprises a location and media type of the software and data, and a name of the software.